

# Brevard County 4-H Newsletter



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August 2024

## 4-H Open Enrollment and 4-H Open House

Open enrollment starts August 5 on [4HOnline](#). Returning youth members and adult volunteers must register each year to be considered active members.

Brevard County 4-H Open House will be held on Saturday, August 24 from 10 AM - 1 PM at the Extension Office, 3695 Lake Drive. This is a great time to come and learn about the different clubs that are available in the county. Come talk to club leaders and members and learn more about the opportunities available for you.

Let us know you're coming. RSVP by calling 321-633-1702 or email to [michelearoberts@ufl.edu](mailto:michelearoberts@ufl.edu).

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# MARKET POULTRY PROJECT

2024 - 2025



Spots are still available for the Brevard County 4-H Market Poultry program for the 2024-2025 program year. Registration has moved to 4-H Online. Families with multiple children will need to register each child individually. If you have any problems while registering, please contact Michele at [michelearoberts@ufl.edu](mailto:michelearoberts@ufl.edu).

We will once again be offering classes to help prepare our youth for showmanship, skill-a-thon, record books, and the auction. While not mandatory, they are highly encouraged, and youth attending classes will receive points toward Champion Exhibitor. Classes are open to Market and Purebred Poultry project participants.

Birds for this year's project are... Buff Orpingtons!

We can't wait for another great year with our poultry projects.

**Registration deadline is August 16.**

<https://Brevard4-H2024-2025MarketPoultryProject.4honline.com>

# 4-H Volunteer Forum

You are invited to the statewide 4-H volunteer forum.

## Why attend?

Increase knowledge and skills

Spark fresh ideas

Connect with volunteers and 4-H professionals from around the state

Registration Deadline: Aug 5, 2024



**4H VOLUNTEER FORUM 2024**

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**FLORIDA 4-H STATE HEADQUARTERS  
STRAUGHN CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CAMPUS**

**AUGUST 16-18, 2024**

**REGISTER:  
[bit.ly/4HVolForum](https://bit.ly/4HVolForum)**



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## Did you know?

We have a private Facebook group for 4-H families where we share program announcements, updates, opportunities, pictures, and more! If you're not yet a member, consider joining us! You can find us on Facebook by searching for "Brevard County 4-H: The Hub" and requesting to join!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H and are vital to the program.

Without leaders, there are no clubs or activities in which youth can participate. There are many ways in which parents, friends, grandparents, and neighbors can volunteer in the 4-H program.

**Club Leader** – This is one of the most important roles that adults play in 4-H. Community clubs rely on two adult volunteers to coordinate events and help youth lead meetings. These are the champions of the 4-H world, dedicating time and talents to help youth succeed. Club leaders can serve existing clubs or can start a club from scratch.

**Project Leader/Guest Speaker** – 4-H is always seeking individuals with special skills, knowledge, and talents who can share them with 4-H clubs or special events through demonstrations, lectures, or other activities. If you have knowledge in a specific subject area and want to share that with youth, 4-H is the place for you!

While there are many other ways to volunteer, these two roles are crucial in growing the Brevard County 4-H program. We'd love to talk to you about how **YOU** can play a part in growing 4-H and making a difference in the lives of youth. For more information, contact Gayle at [gowhit@ufl.edu](mailto:gowhit@ufl.edu) or 321-633-1702.

**Volunteers  
needed**

*Currently seeking:*

*Assistant Club Leader: Sewing Club*

# Brevard County Discover 4-H Club

**Whether you're new to 4-H or a seasoned veteran, consider joining us for the new Brevard County Discover 4-H Club.**

**This club will explore a new topic each month with the hopes of new community or SPIN clubs forming as a result. If there is something you're interested in learning or if there is a subject you'd like to share, let us know.**

**The club will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6 PM - 7:30 PM at the Extension Office in Cocoa.**

**Tentative Topics are as follows:**

**Sept 16 - What is 4-H?**

**Oct 21 - Cooking & decorating with pumpkin**

**Nov 18 - Serving Your Community**

**Dec 16 - Winter Crafts**

**TBD - Gardening**

**TBD - Animal Sciences**

**TBD - Photography**

**TBD - Jr Master Naturalist**

**TBD - Public Speaking**

**Stop by our table during Open House and share your thoughts with us!**



# Looking Ahead

## August



**5th** - Open Enrollment begins

**13th** - Poultry Project Class - For those who are new to the program or who would like a refresher. Topics to be covered are: What is the poultry project? How to care for chicks. How to set up a brooder. Basic chicken care.

**24th** - 4-H Open House

**29th\*** - Chick pickup for Market Poultry Project

*\*Tentative Date backup date 30th*



## September

**14th** - Leader Training

**16th** - Discover 4-H Club meeting

**17th** - Poultry Project Class - Topics: Poultry Project Overview & Due Dates, Record Books & Poultry Skill-a-Thon

Do you enjoy being outdoors? Are you looking for a contest to learn more about our natural world and demonstrate your prowess at a state contest? Sign up for the 4-H Forest Ecology Contest Clinic and Contest! Come learn on your own or bring some friends and make a team!

Learn more about Forest Ecology from experts and practice and apply knowledge and skills in tree, plant, and wildlife identification; use a map and compass; identify insects, diseases, and stresses that impact forest health; and more at the Forest Ecology Clinic!

Registration opens August 9, 2024.



# FLORIDA 4-H

## *Forest Ecology Clinic*

September 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Austin Cary Forest  
Gainesville, FL

### Explore Forest Ecology with Experts and Sharpen Your Skills!

- Get started with the Florida 4-H Forest Ecology Contest
- Discover contest stations: Tree Identification & Measurement, Forest Health & Management, Forest Ecosystems, Wildlife, Map/Compass, and the Senior Quiz Bowl
- Test your knowledge in a Mock Contest

#### Bring/Wear:

Lunch, a reusable water bottle, sunscreen, insect repellent, a clipboard, pencils, & closed-toed shoes

More Information/  
Registration:



# District Learning Opportunities

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**NOVEMBER 20TH**  
**4 PM - 6 PM**  
**SLC FAIRGROUNDS, BUILDING C**

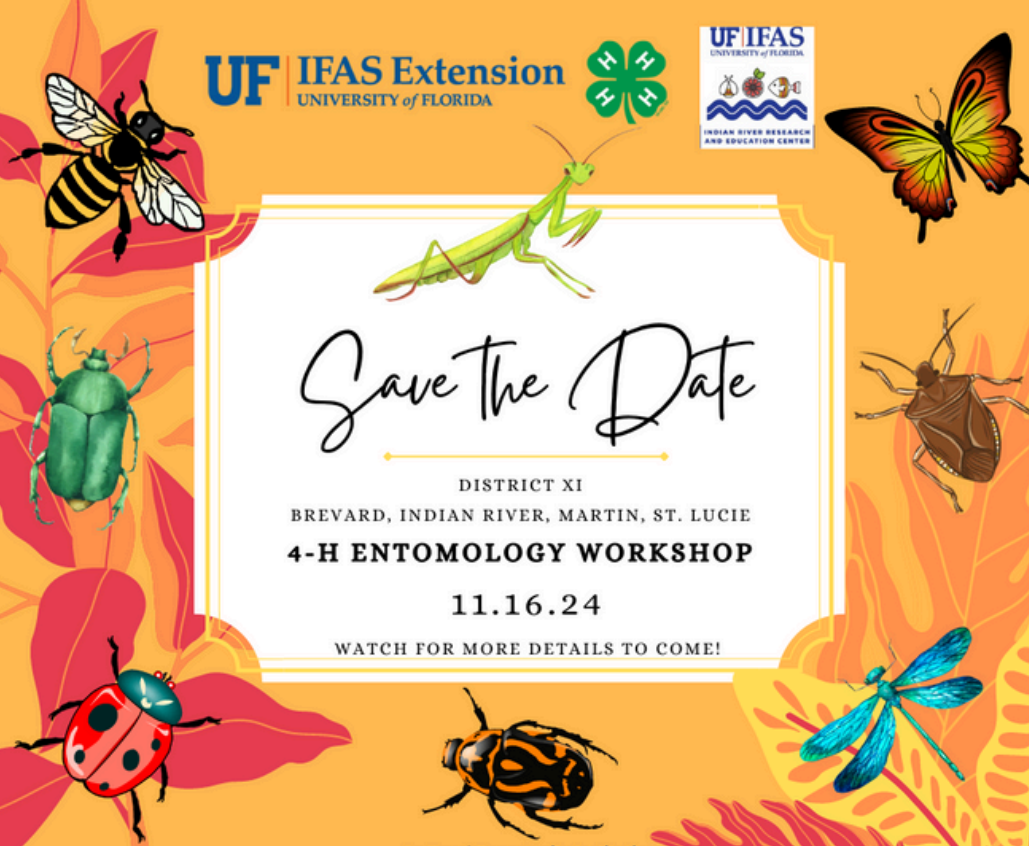
**PRESENTED BY:**  
**WHEELER'S RABBITRY**

**QUESTIONS?**  
**CONTACT: CANDY WICKHAM**  
**AT 772-462-1669 OR WICKHAM.C@UFL.EDU**



**THIS CLINIC OFFERED TO DISTRICT 11 4-H YOUTH WILL BE AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THIER RABBIT AND CAVY PROJECTS AND GAIN SOME AMAZING SHOW TIPS!**



## **RABBIT & CAVY CLINIC**



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## *Save the Date*

DISTRICT XI  
BREVARD, INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, ST. LUCIE  
**4-H ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP**  
**11.16.24**  
WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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# Barnyard Challengers



**Weekly sessions every Monday  
January 27, 2025 - March 17, 2025  
6:00-7:00pm**

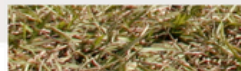
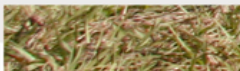
**UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office  
3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL**

This program is open to youth ages 8 and up who have an intellectual and/or developmental disability and would like to participate in an animal project. Youth will be paired up with mentors to learn about poultry with the opportunity to participate in the Brevard County Fair. Youth don't need their own chicken to participate. Cost is \$25.00.

**For more information, contact  
Vanessa Spero, Regional Specialized 4-H Agent  
vspero@ufl.edu or 321-615-7323**

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# Barnyard Challengers Mentor Program



**Mentor Training: January 13, 2025  
6:00-8:00pm**

**Weekly sessions every Monday  
January 27, 2025 - March 17, 2025  
5:45-7:00pm**

Barnyard Challengers is a program to teach youth with disabilities about poultry. The mentor program is open to youth ages 13 and up who would like to assist youth enrolled in Barnyard Challengers. The program will focus on learning and showing poultry for the Brevard County Fair April 4-5, 2025.

**For more information and to submit an application, contact:  
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